(c) if not, the justification for reducing the activities of SSB in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision to deploy SSB on Indo-Nepal border has been taken in view of the overall security situation in the area.

(c) Does not arise.

**Financial performance of SEBs**

*394. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the financial performance of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for the year 2002-03;

(b) whether Government and the Reserve Bank of India signed a tripartite agreement with States for a one time settlement of State Electricity Board's dues to Central utilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the list of State Governments who have signed the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) Data for the year 2002-2003 is not available as yet. However, the financial performance of State Electricity Boards available upto 2001-02 (Annual Plan projections) as compiled by the Planning Commission is given in Statement. (*see* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India, the Reserve Bank of India and the State Governments have signed Tripartite Agreement (TPA) envisaged under the Scheme for One Time Settlement of outstanding dues payable by the SEBs to the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and Railways, 24 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh,

Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal have signed the tripartite agreement. Four State Governments, namely, the State Governments of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura are yet to sign the TPA. However, Government of Tripura has given in-principle consent to sign the TPA.

The signing of the TPA with the 24 State Governments under Scheme for One Time settlement of outstanding dues of the SEBs payable to the CPSUs, would facilitate the following :

(i) Old arrears of SEBs amounting to Rs. 37,400 crore would be settled as an one-time measure;

(ii) 60% of the interest/surcharge amounting to Rs. 8,300 crore out of the old payables by the SEBs would be waived;

(iii) Thereafter net outstanding dues of Rs. 29100 crore would be converted into tax free SLR bonds with interest rate of 8.5% per annum which will be repaid over the period of 15 years with the moratorium of 5 years;

(iv) The States will become eligible, in case they adhere to the terms and conditions of the agreement, to receive incentive amounting to Rs. 6100 crore over a period of 4 years;

(v) The State Utilities will have to ensure payment of current bills through Letters of Credit and any defaulted amount would be recovered through adjustment against releases due to the respective State Governments on account of Plan Assistance, States' share of Central Taxes and any other grant or loan given to the State by way of debiting their accounts; and

(vi) This would make the SEBs concerned bankable entities and facilitate quicker turnaround of their operations. This would give the required push to the reform process.

***Statement***

*Financial performance of SEBs for 2001-2002 (Annual Plan Projections)*

| Sl. No. | SEBs | Commercial Profit/Loss with subsidy | Commercial Profit/Loss without subsidy |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh (APSEB/AP Transco) | -1194 | -2820 |
| 2 | Assam | -370 | -370 |
| 3 | Bihar | -753 | -753 |
| 4 | Delhi (DVB) | -1092 | -1092 |
| 5 | Gujarat | -2135 | -3491 |
| 6 | Haryana | -1537 | -1949 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | -48 | -48 |
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | -1141 | -1141 |
| 9 | Karnataka | +86 | -2340 |
| 10 | Kerala | -445 | -1354 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | -3183 | -3682 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | -3527 | -3527 |
| 13 | Meghalaya | -38 | -49 |
| 14 | Orissa (OSEB/GRIDCO) | -230 | -230 |
| 15 | Punjab | -1633 | -1633 |
| 16 | Rajasthan (Transco) | -2412 | -2412 |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu | -2260 | -2510 |
| 18 | Uttar Pradesh (Power Corporation) | -1887 | -2687 |
| 19 | West Bengal (SEB) | -1036 | -1086 |
| | TOTAL | -24837 | -33177 |

*Financial Working of Electricity Departments*
*(Gross Operating surplus)*

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | Electricity Department | Gross operating surplus |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | -33.70 |
| 2. | Goa | -27.52 |
| 3. | Manipur | -53.37 |
| 4. | Mizoram | -53.16 |
| 5. | Nagaland | -26.68 |
| 6. | Sikkim | -21.49 |
| 7. | Tripura | -67.45 |
| | TOTAL | -283.37 |

SOURCE : Planning Commission's "Annual Report (2000-02) on the Working of SEBs & Electricity Departments—May 2002".

NB : Data in respect of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh represent the figures for undivided States.

**Restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary units**

*395. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the proposal for restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary (Headquarters);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations of the BIFR about the restructuring of subsidiary headquarters of NTC:

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Group of Ministers also recommended the restructuring of NTC and its subsidiary (Headquarters) without consulting the NTC Management;

(e) if so, the details thereof;